21. (Amended) A record produced by the image forming method according to claim 1, the record having a specular glossiness at 45 degrees in the range of 70 to 110% according to JIS Z 8741.

- 25. (Amended) The image forming method according to claim 22, wherein the nonsilver photographic color hard copy recording system is any one of an electrophotographic recording system, an ink jet recording system, and a thermal transfer recording system.
- 26. (Amended) The image forming method according to claim 22, wherein, in the protective layer transfer sheet, the thermally transferable protective layer contains an ultraviolet absorber.
- 27. (Amended) A protective layer transfer sheet for use in providing the image forming method according to claim 22.

28. (Amended) A record comprising a protective layer provided on an image in a print by the image forming method according to claim 22.

29. (Amended) The image forming method according to claim 1, wherein the thermally transferring step is carried out by means of a thermal head.

- 30. (Amended) The image forming method according to claim 1, wherein the thermally transferring step is carried out by means of a heat roll.
- 31. (Amended) The image forming method according to claim 1, wherein the protective layer transfer sheet is used in a roll form.
- 32. (Amended) The image forming method according to claim 1, wherein the protective layer transfer sheet is used in a separated sheet form.

33. (Amended) The image forming method according to claim 32, wherein an assemblage comprising a mount and a protective layer transfer sheet secured on top of the mount is used.

34. (Amended) The image forming method according to claim 33, wherein each size of the mount, the protective layer transfer sheet and the print satisfies the following relationship:

Mount  $\geq$  Protective layer transfer sheet  $\geq$  Print.

35. (Amended) The image forming method according to claim 33, wherein a basis weight of the mount is in a range of 80 to  $500~g/m^2$ .